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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 1999 10:53:09 -0500
Subject: Phone Phunnies fronted friends
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MIME-Version: 1.0
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From: mnhopkins@juno.com

Remember "Phone Band Phunnies" from QST? It was a series of short, humorous essays ending, I think, in 1948. They were illustrated by Gil, the cartoonist, but written by John T. Frye, W9EGV.

No bells ring, huh? Well, it has been over 50 years.

But how about "Carl and Jerry," the Hardy Boys of Radio from 1954 to about '64 in Popular Electronics?

Carl Anderson, Jerry Butler, Jodi Preston and the whole wholesome bunch came from, surely you recall, the same John T Frye.

Here is a directory to his '48 essays in QST : Jan, p 56; Feb, p 27; Mar, p 94; Apr, p 57; May, p 56; Jun, p 46, and Jul, p 50. We are working on a list of the 100 or so Carl and Jerry's.

de ab5L, michael in dallas, MNHopkins@JUNO.com
Student of Tecraft, ICM and Six Meters' Golden age: 1957-58
Box 226841, Dallas, TX 75222
"Gosh, Jerry that looks like Cannibus S. in vivo."

Date: Thu, 8 Jul 1999 14:55:29 -0400

From: "ROBERT W. DOWNS" <RWDDowns_WA5CAB@compuserve.com>
Subject: RE: Aircraft Shock Mounts
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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charset=ISO-8859-1
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Dave & Group,

My database sez MT-167 is the mount for R-58A/ARQ-8. When I asked it about
MT-170, it didn't answer.

73,
Robert Downs
WA5CAB
Houston

Message-ID: <3784F7E4.2293F1C5@geo-thermal.com>
Date: Thu, 08 Jul 1999 14:11:33 -0500
From: Lenox Carruth <carruth@geo-thermal.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Wartime VHF Frequencies
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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Does anyone know what standard VHF frequencies were used during the war? I am trying to put crystals in my SCR-522 and only have pairs for 116.10 Mc and 126.18 Mc. Obviously there were at least four channels in the most common VHF equipments. I know that one was a guard channel so it must have been a common frequency. I also can't imagine retuning the VHF radios for each mission like they could with the Command Sets so there must have been fairly commonly used frequencies.

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Lenox

Lenox Carruth Dallas, TX carruth@geo-thermal.com
Collector of WW-II Communications Equipment and Memorabilia

Wanted: TBX accessories, GY-11, WW-II era Sextant

Message-ID: <3784FEA4.6DC8D21@atd.ucar.edu>
Date: Thu, 08 Jul 1999 13:40:20 -0600
From: Chip Owens <owens@atd.ucar.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Wanted: panel meters
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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Hi Gang,

A couple of panel meters are needed for a homebrew transmitter project. Please check your junkbox for these:

0 to 300mA DC, 3 1/2" round, Marion type HS3 (only)
with a white face.

0 to 300mA, 2 1/2" round, military sealed/ruggedized type
either white or black face is okay.

Thanks! Chip, NW00

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Chip Owens (owens@atd.ucar.edu)

Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 1999 22:00 +0100 (BST)
From: midshires@cix.co.uk (Andrew Emmerson)
Subject: Towers or masts
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
CC: midshires@cix.co.uk
Message-Id: <memo.19990708220003.350350@midshires.compulink.co.uk>

> towers or masts as the Brits call them

Actually, we Brits use both words. In BBC terminology at least a 'tower' is a free-standing or self-supporting structure, whereas a 'mast' is

something that's guyed.

73,
Andy G8PTH.

Message-ID: <000a01bec992\$06cf2700\$deba2499@noname>
From: "Al Fritsche" <fritsche@email.msn.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Ameco 6 Meter - Conv
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 1999 17:27:27 -0500

Hi gang, got a little box from Phil Mills last week, an Ameco CB-6...
convertor.... Anyone have any info on this guy....

Iam sure its not great, but I would like to try it out...

73
Al
KD5CML

Message-ID: <000b01bec992\$07989180\$deba2499@noname>
From: "Al Fritsche" <fritsche@email.msn.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: FS: Knight 600 Tube Testor
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 1999 17:33:24 -0500

One More Time, Been using a simple Knight Tube Testor for a few years
and now have obtained a Hickok 605A....

Would like to sell to a new BA afficando for 25 bucks plus
shipping from Houston...

IT works OK and I have all the sup docs for it....

Tests Filaments and Emmisions only....

Let me know

Al
KD5CML

Message-Id: <199907082249.SAA17198@smtp3.mindspring.com>
Date: Thu, 08 Jul 1999 15:55:53 +0100
Subject: A neat fix for loose tube bases
From: "John Gibson" <gibsonj@mindspring.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Mime-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
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With a soft toothbrush, clean the dust out of the glass/base joint unless you don't mind gluing it in place like the flies in amber. Set kitchen oven to 200 F (lowest setting) and warm up tubes.

Spread a soft shag rug betwix oven and kitchen table. Now mix up enough two part epoxy glue, the extra time kind, not the 5 minute stuff.

Grab hot a hot tube with a rag and apply a little glue with a pointed device like an awl or scribe to about six places on the circumference of joint. The glue will be greedily sucked in. Twist tube base gently back and forward to spread glue and wipe excess glue away with fresh tissue. Let set 24 hours.

The craft will be advanced if your wife does not know about this novel application of her oven.

John Gibson, Berkeley, Calif.

Message-Id: <3.0.6.32.19990708191324.01dfc210@mail.nova.org>
Date: Thu, 08 Jul 1999 19:13:24 -0400
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: tbryan@nova.org
Subject: Japanese BC-312
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hello All,

As I was looking for something else on the web I found this picture of a BC-312 with Japanese labels. Were these made in Japan or made in the United States

and given to Japan after the war?

http://www2.pos.to/~milradio/bc312/junk_jbc312.html

Tom Bryan
tbryan@nova.org

Message-ID: <37852FD2.1917@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Thu, 08 Jul 1999 19:10:10 -0400
From: "John Dilks, K2TQN" <oldradio@worldnet.att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
CC: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: A neat fix for loose tube bases
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John Gibson wrote:

snip

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> application of her oven.

> John Gibson, Berkeley, Calif.

Detailed instructions.....

- 1) Make an excuse that you can't accompany her to church (or some other 2-hour event). That should allow enough time.
- 2) Don't do it in front of the kids, they will not keep the secret.
- 3) Make sure you remove the evidence before she returns.
- 4) Cool down the oven and blow out the stinky air. (You'd be amazed at how good her sniffer works.)
- 5) Make a mess somewhere else in the house as a cover.
- 6) In case you're caught, lie, lie, lie.

--

73' John Dilks, K2TQN

Webmaster for Antique Wireless Information ** New **
<http://www.eht.com/oldradio/awa>

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for the New Jersey Antique Radio Club
<http://www.eht.com/oldradio>

Please visit my OldRadio Museum
<http://www.eht.com/oldradio/museum>

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Message-ID: <378544EE.41E7818F@vifp.monash.edu.au>
Date: Fri, 09 Jul 1999 10:40:14 +1000
From: Morris Odell <morriso@vifp.monash.edu.au>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Tube manuals
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Hi all,

Over on the R-390 list they are talking about producing the ultimate R-390A manual on CD. There are already CDs around of R-390A drawings, manuals and collections from various internet lists etc as well as a video. This must certainly be the most thoroughly documented boatanchor.

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Does anyone know of such a CD being produced.

73, Morris

Message-ID: <37855112.2826@dia.reno.nv.us>
Date: Thu, 08 Jul 1999 18:32:02 -0700
From: Jack Antonio <dia@dia.reno.nv.us>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Wartime VHF frequencies, another question
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I would like to add another question to the one Lenox just asked.

And that is, how did the radar systems on 112 mc co-exist with the communications radios that could go down to 100 mc? Did they just not use the lower frequencies for comms?

73

Jack Antonio WA7DIA
dia@dia.reno.nv.us

Message-ID: <000201bec9ae\$93570a00\$77fa490c@SandyBlaize>
From: "Sandy W5TVW" <ebjr@worldnet.att.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Wartime VHF Frequencies
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 1999 19:29:49 -0500
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"Guard" channel is 121.5 Mhz. It's been so long ago, I can't remember any specific frequencies we used to use, but they were in the 120-130 Mhz part of the band.

YES! Channels WERE changed frequently! Nearly everytime an aircraft went cross country the channels were changed. Even our birds that had the later ARC-3 radio! The 522's were a pain in the butt to change as they were critical to tune and required a signal generator to peak the receiver with.

Transmitter tuning was done with I think an IE-36 test set and a special light bulb dummy load! All one had to do with the ARC-3 was change the crystals in the transmitter and receiver. The receiver had a thumbwheel for each of the eight channels so that the harmonic generator would be in the right "ball park" when the set tuned itself up. It was a standard procedure to check the sets out with someone in the radio shop over the air before signing off the aircraft log after crystals were changed. In fact, every morning on operational aircraft, there was a pre-flight test of all gear by radio shop personnel before the aircraft took off. We checked the VHF set, ADF or "radio compass", the marker beacon receiver, and the IFF transceiver. If it was going to be used on a mission, we checked out the SCR-274N radios and the APN-9 loran receiver. This was very infrequent though. Some aircraft had "Shoran"

bombing gear aboard,
but these could not be checked without ground based transponder
sites.
Only bird that had an ART-13/BC-348 was the C-47 Goonie Bird. I
don't EVER
remeber it's being operationally used. I DO remember running it
on 80 and
40 CW and 75 meter AM phone. Only two people in the squadron
ever used the
set airborne. Myself and one other guy who I've lost track of
named Ferd. Schultzler.
Most of our aircraft were B-26 (Douglas) bombers.

73,
Sandy W5TVW

Message-ID: <37855BA3.4FC8E98F@europa.com>
Date: Thu, 08 Jul 1999 19:17:07 -0700
From: Ron Hershey <rhershey@europa.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
CC: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Tube manuals
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Check out Radio Era Archives at <http://www.radioera.com/hb3.htm>.

They have an R-390 CD-ROM as well as the RCA HB3 tube manual. It's only
one manual rather than a compendium but it's 7000 pages of tube data.

Regards,
Ron Hershey

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> 73, Morris

Message-ID: <00e401bec9b1\$a52348e0\$62768118@se.mediaone.net>
From: "Paul Christensen" <paulc@mediaone.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Collins 4A Transmitter
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 1999 22:20:42 -0400
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I am in need of a schematic diagram for a recently-acquired ca. 1933 Collins 4A C.W. transmitter. Can anyone help out? I'll gladly pay for copying and mailing costs. Thanks!

-Paul, W9AC

<http://www.qsl.net/w9ac/>

Message-Id: <3.0.5.32.19990708223433.007bc460@mail1.telalink.net>
Date: Thu, 08 Jul 1999 22:34:33 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Tom Norris <badger@telalink.net>
Subject: GRC-129 accys found, manuals needed
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Well, after totally giving up, a set of convertors for the GRC-129 set landed in my lap. (Ouch!) These are a set of synthesisers, that when used in conjunction with a pair of modified R-390A 's (R-1274/GRC-129) make a synthesized radio set. These synth units interfaced with the R1274 via connectors on the back which were in turn attached to adaptors that plugged into each osc tube's socket. Interesting setup actually, though one still has to tune the R-390A to the freq in use. Also on its way is the matching synthesiser/exciter for the T-368. (some day I will find a T-368, or rather will find one at the same time I have money to buy it.) These units were made by the oft-thought-of-as-mysterious Manson Labs.

The three I need manuals for are as follows -

O-1203/GRC-129 -- this is the KC osc unit
CV-1693/GRC-129 -- this unit selcts MC
CV-1694/GRC-129 -- this is the IF SSB demod (loops audio back to the
rx.....)

A manual for the TX exciter was available.

Thanks for any help, suggestions, or brickbats.

73

Tom KA4RKT

Message-Id: <103130300b3ab240b4145@[199.34.24.25]>
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Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 1999 23:16:01 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: "Jay H. Miller" <jmiller@teleteam.net>
Subject: Clean Your Screws (er...)

While completely stripping the Collins 300J, I carefully saved all the hundreds of stainless steel machine screws, nuts, washers and so forth. They, along with the rest of the machine, were pretty dirty and covered with rust (stainless?) and grime.

I fell upon an idea that I wanted to share with the group which has turned out exceptionally well and best of all, it was cheap and involved NO MANUAL LABOR! Sounds like a political platform but....

Check out the garage sales and swap shops for a used rock tumbler. This is an electric gizmo used by rockers to polish pebbles and so forth. Also used by gunners who reload metallic cartridges to polish "the brass." Consists of a motor, pulley, 2 shafts and a can. Electricity turns motor, motor turns pulley, pulley turns shaft, shaft turns can, etc. I found mine at a rock shop for \$15 (well-used but working).

I dumped a pint jar full of used hardware in the quart "drum" and filled the drum 2/3 full of crushed walnut shells (maybe squirrels are good for something besides mutton) and let the little tumbler do its thing for four to six hours. I sifted the hardware from the "abrasive media" with a screen and presto! Brand new looking screws and nuts!

The crushed walnut shells can be bought from ye old rock shop for \$1.50 a pound. A tip of the old hat to master gunsmith W1ALZ for the idea of the walnuts by the way.

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Jay H. Miller, KK5IM Dallas, Texas

The Pocket Guide to Collins Amateur Radio Equipment

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 Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
 To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
 From: Dick Dillman <ddillman@igc.apc.org>
 Subject: RACAL RA-17L Service?

Can anyone direct me to a source of competent service (minor repair and alignment of a working receiver) for the RACAL RA-17L in North America?

Regards,

Dick

Dick Dillman, W6AWO
 Chief Operator at K6KPH of the Maritime Radio Historical Society
 Collector Of Heavy Metal:
 Harleys, Willys and Radios Over 100lbs.

 Date: Thu, 8 Jul 1999 21:28:57 -0700 (PDT)
 Message-Id: <2.2.16.19990708211404.44774a4c@pop.igc.org>
 Mime-Version: 1.0
 Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
 To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
 From: Dick Dillman <ddillman@igc.apc.org>
 Subject: Amazing Coincidence

I got a letter the other day from an apparent radio historian in Australia. That in itself is not too amazing but the route the letter took to reach me is something else again.

I'm part of a group that recently put a new, non-commercial, community FM station (KWMR) on the air in Pt. Reyes Station, CA. The name Pt. Reyes will resonate with those interested in radio history as the location of the receiving station for the great RCA maritime coast station KPH and its point-to-point counterpart KET. With its transmitting station in Bolinas the RCA installation was called by some the "wireless giant of the Pacific".

Sadly, KPH went off the air in 1997 and the transmitters at Bolinas have been cold and dark since then.

Two weeks ago Kay gave me a call from KWMR. "We've got a letter here," she said. "It's not addressed to us but I opened it before I noticed. It's from some guy in Australia that wants information about something called KPH. I thought you might know about it." I asked her to put it in by box.

When I saw the letter I realized what had happened. Since the demise of KPH the Pt. Reyes Station postmaster had gotten used to putting any letters addressed to a radio station in our post office box apparently, in this case at least, without reading the address carefully.

As it happens the RCA station and its history are a particular interest of mine. In fact the Maritime Radio Historical Society has done considerable research on the stations at Pt. Reyes and Bolinas in the hope that they may be preserved. So by a strange set of circumstances the letter of inquiry from Australia had landed in exactly the right place.

The writer to know about a message sent by KPH in November 1941 regarding the sinking of HMAS Sydney. This was apparently the first word Australia had of the loss of the ship. As it happens I have a copy of the 500kc. log of KPH... beginning on 6 December 1941. While it makes quite interesting reading it does not quite cover the period in question. As our research continues perhaps we will find evidence of the message about HMAS Sydney. But for now I will simply scratch my head and wonder if the arrival of that letter at KWMR was *really* an accident!

Vy 73,

Dick/"RD"

Dick Dillman, W6AWO
Chief Operator at K6KPH of the Maritime Radio Historical Society
Collector Of Heavy Metal:
Harleys, Willys and Radios Over 100lbs.

Message-Id: <199907090519.WAA06640@mail-gw5.pacbell.net>
From: "Arden Allen" <gumbear@pacbell.net>

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Shipping CRTs
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 1999 21:45:13 -0700
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Hi Bobbi;

> ...In the US, my personal experience is that UPS is the roughest,
> though often the box is intact the contents are not; Roadway (RPS) will
> deilver horribly bashed-up boxes with the contents *intact;* and FedEx,
> though costly, always gets the stuff to you in one piece. Plain old US
> Mail and their "Priority Mail" service both do well with properly-packed
> shipments, though at rare intervals they'll simply lose 'em.

There was a recent (sorry, I don't remember the source) comparative study
done of complaint rates of the main shippers. USPS was lowest on the
complaints, UPS the highest. Agrees with my experience also. I have
never received a *punctured* box from the PO, got TWO from UPS. Maybe UPS
uses cotton bail handling hooks!!

Arden Allen KB6NAX Vallejo, CA gumbear@pacbell.net

Message-Id: <199907090519.WAA06676@mail-gw5.pacbell.net>
From: "Arden Allen" <gumbear@pacbell.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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I remember reading Carl and Jerry. Not as exciting as Tom and Jerry but
they did what I liked cuz I could do it too! Seems they were the last of
the ordinary Joes that did ordinary things as our heros. Today's computer
heros can't do anything without MURDER on their minds.

Arden Allen KB6NAX Vallejo, CA gumbear@pacbell.net

Message-Id: <199907090519.WAA06693@mail-gw5.pacbell.net>
From: "Arden Allen" <gumbear@pacbell.net>
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> to pieces.

It would be worth whatever was charged if it could be a compilation of all the main tube mfr's tube engineering manuals, like RCA's HB3 series. I'd pay \$100 for such a CD! What say experts, would they all scan into a single CD?

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Hi, Jay and the list!

Yes, friends, it's horrible but true: so-called stainless steel can rust. It's rust *resistant,* not *rustproof.*

How quickly and how badly depends on where it is, how well it is protected, and what is in contact with. Outside in the weather, in contact with something at the far end of the galvanic series, it'll get pretty sad pretty quickly.

However, in my experience the stuff doesn't get as deeply and dreadfully corroded *nearly* as fast as plain old iron! Usually you find oxidation in the form of loose red dust, which something like Jay's rock-tumbler will do a fine job of removing.

...Some authorities even suggest rock tumblers & crushed walnut shells for cleaning/shining Bakelite knobs. Never had the chance to try so I can't say for sure. It certainly seems that such a device would be very useful! I've seen small ones in realoader's catalogs at affordable

prices. (But don't have anywhere to put one, myself--much shack-cleaning is required before I buy *anything* else!)

Oh, one other stainless thought--stainless threaded hardware does not behave quite like iron or brass; if you crank it down tight, the metal will kind of ball up in the threads. It'll stay tight just fine, but when taken apart, the threads get all galled up and the nut & bolt or whatever should not be re-used. Small panel hardware, just take reasonable care when installing; if it uses split lockwashers, the fasteners are tight enough once they're flat! Bigger stuff (antenna/mast hardware, etc.), it's probably best to gather some replacement stock if you plan to take it apart & put it back together. (At work, we have right around 3000' of rigid, flanged coax held together with stainless steel hardware at the flanges, every 20'. Professional tower crews get to do *most* of the assembly--and even they keep plenty of spares on hand!)

73,
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This is a reminder that reposting of For Sale or Wanted items from other internet sources (lists and auctions) is discouraged.... nay prohibited on the BoatAnchors list.

If a BA list member wants to post the item elsewhere and on the BA list, that creates NO problem. What we are trying to avoid are "seen on EBay" or "prime rig on xxx list" type posts... Very few BA members limit their searching to just the BA list!

The problem comes when the poster in the other venue is not asked about the re-post... without the permission of the poster, problems are guaranteed, and I do not have the time, the energy, or the desire to address and deal with the headaches that re-posting causes... I'll grant you that folks in other venues need to be re-calibrated, but I do NOT want to referee! ;^)

So, henceforth, let's have NO re-posts from other sources referred to the list. Yes, I know this may sound pretty provincial, but those who really care have browsers and know where to look, and those who don't, probably don't....

I do NOT need the aggravation of someone who posts to a newsgroup and then has to fight off the hungry folks from the BA list who want to rearrange his viewpoint or calibrate his selling technique.

ENOUGH! Already... Just don't do it!

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listown@jackatak.theporch.com - "Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose"

"Il n'y a que les idiots qui ne changent jamais d'idee"

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